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We have decided to sell our retail business. To this end we are holding an Enormous Sale to reduce stocks at

RADICALLY REDUCED PRICES

Owing to the fact that this is a Closing Out Sale. No goods will be charged, sent out on approval or allowed to be returned.

J.W. Beckwith
Established 1827

Middlebury, - - Vermont.

Special Reduction Sale

of Ladies' Shirt Waists in Fancy Voiles, Crepes and Lawns the entire line to close at **98c**, regular values \$1.50 to \$1.75. 75c and 80c Waists to close at **49c**.

Complete New Line Ladies' "American Girl Shoes" every pair guaranteed, no better shoe at any price, all new models, in Pumps and Oxfords.

Men's Best Good White Tennis Shoes..... **98c**
Men's Tennis Oxfords..... **49c**

Binder Twine, now on hand, we sell nothing but the very best grade, get our price before you buy.

Best Salt Pork..... **11c** per lb.
Best 1 Ply Roofing at..... **1 50** per square. Steel Roofing of all kinds.

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The PEOPLE'S STORE
Bridport, Vermont.



Eyeglass Wearers appreciate the firm, but comfortable clinging of our mountings. They always keep your lenses in optically correct position and will not tilt, slip or fall off.
If you have had difficulty with your present mounting or have been told your nose is "not adapted to eyeglasses" come in and let us try on one of our mountings before you give up in despair.
Your present lenses can be put into one of our mountings.

GILBERT RIST OPTICAL CO
53 Church St., Burlington, Vt.

PREMIUM HOSIERY
For the whole family, Premium coupons given with every sale.
10 Main Street Up Stairs.
WEBSTER BARTER

ALMOST A SURE THING.

The Addison County Fair at Middlebury, through the care of its officers and the large sums spent in permanent buildings, large stands, pavilions, etc., is now in a position to almost assure that each fair will be a success, even with some rainy weather. Plenty of covering is afforded both the exhibits and the crowd, so that people coming from a distance need have no fear of any shower, such as is likely to come at this time of the year. The splendid track is now in such shape, with improved methods of draining and care that any ordinary rain would cause but a few hours' delay in the carrying out of the program. The racing this year promises to surpass even that of previous years. The early closing entries are making a splendid showing, and the class races will be well filled, as they always are at Middlebury, this part of the fair alone being well worth a visit to see. Never yet has a single stake been declared off. The near location of the government farm, just north of Middlebury, always gives an increased interest to visitors in the big Addison County fair; and with the interest that is shown by the representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, great value is added to the fair. As a specialty the government farm will sell on Thursday, September 3, some fine stock in sheep, and on the following day there will be a sale of fine live stock in the prize ring.

It is only proper that Addison county should have feature exhibits in the Morgan horse classes. Col. Joseph Battell of Middlebury and H. R. C. Watson of Brandon will each have a notable showing in these classes, sure to be of interest and profit to all lovers of good horses. The best of this breed will be shown and the entire country will show no finer specimens.

One of the best known starters in the county will act for the fair this year: M. E. Servis of Rochester, N. Y., who will also act as judge in the light harness classes entered for premiums. Andrew Elliott of Galt, Ontario, also one of the best known men in his class on this continent, will judge the cattle classes, and in his judging he takes the observers into his confidence, giving the reasons for his decisions—a valuable feature of the fair.

Middlebury is a good town to visit. Hotel accommodations are fine, four good, clean, up-to-date hostels being here. Eleven passenger trains stop daily. Also special train service will be provided during the big fair at special rates. This year the town is better situated than ever before to give visitors full comfort, convenience and enjoyment. The 70th anniversary is an occasion not to be missed, and the dates are September 1, 2, 3 and 4.

VERGENNES EXPECTS 10,000.

Vergennes is planning to entertain one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in the Champlain Valley, at the celebration September 6-8.

With good weather it is conservatively estimated that 10,000 people will be in attendance at the celebration September 8, and plans are being made to provide accommodations for all.

The plans for the naval day celebration on Otter River and Fort Cassin are being carried out even more elaborately than was at first intended.

The naval parade, under the direction of the Lake Champlain Yacht club, will start from Vergennes at 1 o'clock p. m., move on to Fort Cassin, where it will be reviewed by Admiral Clark, Secretary Josephus Daniels of the United States navy department, and members of the New York commission.

The historical exercises will be held on the site of the old fort. The historical address for the Vermont commission will be given by Joseph A. De Boer of Montpelier, president of the National Life Insurance company, and the New York commission will also furnish a prominent speaker, Senator Henry W. Hill of Buffalo, N. Y.

The parade will again form after the exercises and return to Vergennes where a luncheon will be served at the city hall to all owners of floats who participated in the parade.

On Monday evening will be shown the grand display of fireworks and the illuminating historical designs on the river.

The plans for the big day, Tuesday, September 8, are assuming larger proportions daily.

Gov. Allan M. Fletcher has consented to preside at the public ceremonies. Secretary of the Navy Daniels will deliver an address. Rodney Macdonough of Boston will give a biographical sketch of his distinguished grandparents, and the vice-president of the United States, Thomas R. Marshall, will be present, if his duties in Congress will permit him to leave Washington.

At the banquet in the evening Congressman Frank L. Greene will preside and prominent officials of the State and nation will respond to toasts. It is also expected that a distinguished guest from Canada will speak.

The secretary of the commission, Senator R. W. McCuen, has established headquarters for the State commission in his office for the sending out of the formal invitations, and is prepared to furnish clerical assistance to the members of the committees and officers of the local organization.

MIDDLEBURY LOCALS.

Prof. Myron R. Sanford has gone to Bridgeport, Ct., where he will spend the remainder of the summer vacation.

Prof. Raymond McFarland and daughter, Elizabeth, have returned from a visit in Leicester, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Taylor of Georgetown, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Case street for four weeks.

The lawn festival held by St. Mary's parish on the church lawn Saturday was largely attended and proved to be very successful despite the inclement weather.

E. L. Kelly of Salisbury led the Young People's meeting at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday evening. The subject under discussion was "Our Social Life for Christ."

Charles Grovesnor of North Pleasant street has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Alfred Barter and son, Roy, who have been visiting friends in Chicago have returned.

Miss Mildred Dow, who has been visiting friends in Lincoln, has returned.

Thomas Ross of Whiting, who has been the guest of friends here, has returned home.

Charles E. Pinney, cashier of the National bank, who has been on an automobile tour through Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut, has returned.

L. C. Russell has purchased a five passenger automobile.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey, the Denver judge, closed the Chautauqua program at Bradon Saturday with his address on the "Misfortunes of Mickey." Because of its success this year, Brandon will entertain a Chautauqua again next year.

Miss A. McNulla of Worcester, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McNulla of Seymour street.

William Steele of Lowell, Mass., formerly a resident of Middlebury, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele, for one week.

Hobart B. Potter, Jr., of East Orange, N. J., a graduate of Middlebury college in the class of 1913, who has been visiting friends at Delta Upsilon fraternity house for ten days, has returned.

Principal Earl Tracey of Brandon High school is visiting friends in this village for several days.

Miss Augusta Wagner and Miss Bernice Kidder, who have been visiting at Lake Champlain, have returned.

Miss Sarah Leach of Glens Falls, N. Y., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Dukett of Seymour street for several days, has gone to East Fairfield, where she will visit her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Ogden of Chatham, N. Y., who have been spending a few days at the Addison house with friends, have returned to their home.

Miss Martha F. Nelson of Trenton, N. J., is the guest of friends here for a few days.

Seventy-six children received their first holy communion at the 8 o'clock Mass on Saturday morning. Rev. Thomas J. Leonard, the pastor, officiated. The girls wore white dresses and veils while the boys wore a large white ribbon on their left arm.

Miss Vivian Stimson, who has been visiting in New York city for several days, has returned.

C. M. Hanks is on a two weeks' vacation from his duties at the Hanks & Chilson store.

O. E. Chilson, who has been spending three weeks at his cottage at Mallett's bay, Lake Champlain, has returned.

Miss Ida Signor, who has been on a two weeks' vacation, has returned.

Miss Jessie Marseilles of Pleasant street started Monday on a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Marjorie Martin, who is in the training school for nurses at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Gooding and daughter of Rutland were here for a few days the first of the week.

F. L. Cady, Miss C. L. Cady, Miss H. M. Cady and Miss A. F. Mifflin of Mansfield, Mass., who have been visiting here, have returned.

Paint Better

Better isn't enough; paint best. A man bought "cheap" paint; saved 20c or 30c or 40c or 50c a gallon didn't he?

Yes, and bought 40 or 50 or 60 or 80 percent more gallons; how much did he make on his paint?

And he paid for painting those gallons—a fair day's work is a gallon—how much did he make on the labor part of the job?

He lost a quarter or third of his money.

How long will it last? Not his money, the paint?

Perhaps half as long as Devoe. How long will his money last, if he buys other stuff as he bought paint?

Better buy the best paint; it makes the least bill and least effort.—adv.

A. Calhoun & Son sell it.

We Are Displaying Some Special Offerings in These Lines This Week

**Match Dining Suites,
Complete Library Suites,**

**Globe-Wernicke
Sectional Bockcases,**

**Separate Buffet
and China Closets**

Come in and look them over. You will be sure to appreciate the values

George A. Hall

212-214 College Street, Burlington, Vt

For The Benefit of The People

Who wear glasses as an advertisement Dr. J. M. Solomon will make 10 karat Gold filled reading glasses at the Addison, Middlebury, for one day only,

Monday, Aug. 24,

For \$1.50. If you wear glasses don't miss this great opportunity **Monday, Aug. 24. Hours from 11:30 to 9 p. m.**

At The Addison D.H. McHUGH'S

What Will The Prices be? No One Can Tell

The rush for flour has come and gone. The watchword now is, increase the production from the hens and the cows.

For this purpose I have Panacea for the hens, Salvat and Purina feed for the cows.

Don't delay. Get your stock in a healthy condition and results are yours.

**For School or Play
The Mothers Say**

Black Cat Hose

School days are here. Are the kiddies ready? How about their school days' supply of stockings? We have just what they need—stockings that have been favorites with American mothers for more than 25 years.

Black Cat Hose

They are just the kind for rough and tumble—for all the games that your boys and girls play.

They are darnproof. Will stand the roughest treatment because of the special Black Cat wearproof process for heel, toe and sole.

For the boys, get your choice of Styles Nos. 10, 15, 18, or 14—with durable, triple knee. Climbing trees and playing marbles doesn't wear them out. Style No. 18 or 30 are other favorites—excellent for your girls. Have beautiful lustre.

Come in today and look over the varied Black Cat Children's line. Don't put off this important preparation for school days.

Make our store your headquarters for the children's school days' apparel. Our selection is wide and varied.

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